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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re patent application of

Hi-Chun LEE

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Serial No. 08/825,582

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For: SUBSTRATE BIAS GENERATOR IN SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY DEVICE

## REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL SEARCH

MS **PETITION**Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1480

Sir:

A "Revocation of Power of Attorney", Substitute Declaration/Power of Attorney, and "Status Inquiry" were filed in the captioned application on January 17, 2003. In response, a facsimile communication was issued by the Office on January 30, 2003, indicating that further inquiry should be directed to 703.308-1202, OIPE. This reply was accompanied by a PALM Intranet print-out identifying the charge location of the file as the Petitions Office as of November 8, 2000.

During subsequent telephone inquiries to OIPE representatives from undersigned counsel's office have been advised that, to date, the file has not been located.

A further telephone inquiry directed to the Office of Petitions was made today, at which time conducting an official search was urged. Staff at the Office of Petitions indicated that such a search could be conducted, which search may take as long as 2-3 months.

In view of the long delay in Action by the Office, it is requested that an Official Search be undertaken immediately and that counsel be notified of the results of the search as soon as possible. Should the Office be unable to locate or reconstruct their file, counsel hereby offers to provide a photocopy of his file.

Written response to this Request is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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